

Confirmation Program 2025/26

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Please scan here to fill out the Confirmation Data sheet Please **complete by class on November 30th, 2025**

• **Baptismal Certificates:** Are needed for all students who were not baptized at St. Jude's or St. Mary's Church. If you received First Holy Communion at either church, we should have a copy. Please call if you have any questions. To obtain a copy, call the church of baptism, and they can

mail directly to Tricia Scanlan at St. Jude Church. Deadline: November 30th.

- **Confirmation Sponsor:** All Confirmation candidates choose a sponsor. Because of the connection between the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, the candidate's godmother or godfather would be a likely candidate for a Confirmation sponsor. For various reasons, the candidate may need to choose another person or decide to ask someone else to be their sponsor. That is acceptable. **8th Grade should choose a sponsor by November 30th.**

- **Requirements for the Sponsor:** The sponsor must be a baptized and confirmed member living a life in harmony with the Catholic Church (Code of Canon Law, Canon 874). They must be at least 16 years old and cannot be the candidate's parent. All sponsors need a letter of eligibility from their current parish. **Deadline for submission of letter November 30th.**

- **Confirmation Name:** As part of the preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, candidates have the privilege and responsibility, to choose a

name. Keep in mind when choosing a Confirmation name:

- The Confirmation name should reflect a closer identification as a member of the Catholic Community
- The name can be associated with someone in their life, parish, or community whom they respect and admire, and they consider a good role model in the faith and life in general
- They may select a name for a parent or grandparent, honoring them for examples of love and holiness
- The name must be that of a Saint
- Candidates may choose their middle name

Candidates are required to write an essay on their Saint. **Deadline for Saint Essay: Christmas Break.**

- **Letters to the Pastor:** In eighth grade all students will write a "Letter to the Pastor" stating why they think they are ready to be Confirmed. The letter may include their growth in the faith, both spiritually and intellectually, how they chose their name and

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sponsor, and information on their service. Please talk about ideas to include in the letter so students have a plan of action that day. **Deadline for submission of letters: April 12th.**

- **Sponsor Retreat: On Saturday, March 28th**, there will be a Candidate/Sponsor Retreat for eighth-grade students. This is a great opportunity for the candidate and sponsor to start a lifelong faith journey.
- **Candidate Retreat:** The 8th grade will attend the Diocesan youth rally in Scranton on **Saturday January 10th from 10-3:45 pm. With Mass at 4pm** This is mandatory as it will act as the candidate retreat for the year.
- **Confirmation Interviews:** In eighth grade all students will have an interview. They will be asked the Confirmation questions, about their name and sponsor and why they chose them, their service, and why they are ready to be Confirmed. Parents accompany their child to the interview, and they will also be asked questions. **Interviews will be held week of April 19th.**
- As part of the program, we wish to build relationship with you, your child and your family. In building a relationship with one another we assist each other in the journey of faith. We want our Catholic faith to be the priority in our life and the lives of our young people. **To help this**

become a reality though we would like to sit down with our young people and his/her parents/guardians to see how things are going? How is attending formation sessions, getting to Mass and completing service projects? If these are not a priority yet then through our conversation, we want to offer some help on how to make our faith central focus of our lives.

Check Ins will take place during the week of November 16th